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Marine Life Protection Act Initiative
c/o California Resources Agency
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311
Sacramento, CA 95814
Attention: Melissa Miller-Henson

Nomination to the MLPA South Coast Regional Stakeholder Group

Dear Ms. Miller-Henson:

The purpose of this letter is to place my name in nomination for a position on the MLPA South Coast Regional Stakeholder Group.

I am currently the president of the Bolsa Chica Land. The Bolsa Chica Land is a broad based, grass root organization of over 5000 members which is dedicated to acquisition, restoration, and maintenance of the entire Bolsa Chica ecosystem.

In the past, my family and I have been avid deep sea sportfishermen. For a number of years we ran a charter boat out of the Point Loma Sportfishing Association in San Diego. After that, we fished albacore commercially for almost ten years. This experience has given me insight into the issues facing both the sportfishing and commercial fishing interests.

I have been active in the City of Huntington as the Vice-Chairman of the General Plan Rewrite Committee, Vice-Chairman of the Infrastructure Committee, and Chairman of the Huntington Beach Planning Commission. Out of these positions, I have learned the importance of being able to build consensus among often competing points of view.

As the president of the Bolsa Chica Land Trust, I am also a member of ORCA (Organization of Regional Coastal Activists). This is a network of coastal advocates that focuses on training other coastal advocates about the Coastal Act and to facilitate networking between coastal advocates throughout the State. It is a resource for environmental advocacy, but it is not an advocacy group with its own agenda. It is an educational and networking association. Because it covers the entire State, it communicates mainly over the internet with its members who in turn communicate with

their members by meetings, email, phone trees, and news letters. I would use this organization to communicate with other coastal advocates.

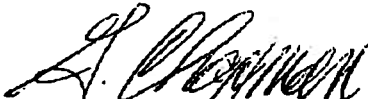
I would also use the Bolsa Chica Land Trust's advocates list which can be used on very short notice to lobby government officials through the use of email, letters, and phone calls whenever action is needed on short notice. This is a group of over 800 members who have volunteered their time and have been very successful in lobbying groups like the Coastal Commission, State Lands Commission, and the Department of Fish and Game.

My practice of dentistry has reached a phase where I am able to arrange my schedule to be able to devote as much time as needed to complete this project in the allotted time.

I feel that my experience in working with these diverse groups puts me in a unique position to build the consensus needed to make the South Coast Regional Stakeholder Group successful. With all the competing interests for the use of our precious coastal resources, reaching consensus could be very difficult

Thank you for considering my nomination.

Sincerely yours,



Gerald L. Chapman